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60. (Added) The atherectomy catheter of claim 1 wherein the cutting element is rotatable.

61. (Added) The atherectomy catheter of claim 59 further comprising a ramp disposed in the distal portion of the catheter body to direct the cutting element out of the cutting window.


REMARKS

Claims 1-58 are canceled. Claims 59-61 are added.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 1-58 are canceled.

59. (Added) An atherectomy catheter comprising:
a catheter body comprising a proximal portion and a distal portion;
a cutting window disposed on the distal portion of the catheter body;
an axially movable cutting element that can move between a first position in which the cutting element is wholly disposed within the catheter body, and a second position in which the cutting element extends out of the cutting window.

60. (Added) The atherectomy catheter of claim 1 wherein the cutting element is rotatable.

61. (Added) The atherectomy catheter of claim 59 further comprising a ramp disposed in the distal portion of the catheter body to direct the cutting element out of the cutting window.